

matter contained in said section in a different bill, if in your judgment it be wise and necessary.

By Order,

Wm. Kilty, Clk.

Mr. Heath then offered the following message in answer to that last received from the house of delegates.

By the Senate, March 15, 1828.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message and again reiterate our sincere regret that the two houses have not been able to concur in some measure calculated to support the public credit and to defray the current expenses of the government.

The constitution has given to the house of delegates the exclusive power to originate all matters of revenue; when originated however, the senate are entitled to consider them, and to reject or accept them as they may think the public interest and happiness may require. This privilege is secured by the constitution, and without it a separation of the different branches of the government would be useless and nugatory. In relation to the assessment bill, the Senate would barely remark, that they have exercised the constitutional powers vested in their body, and although anxiously solicitous to adopt some system of revenue, calculated to sustain the character of the State, yet the Senate cannot pledge themselves to give support to any measure until its compatability with the interests of the people of this State shall be seen by them.

Whilst therefore, they again express their desire to adopt any measure calculated in their judgment to promote the public interest, they reserve to themselves the right to exercise their discretion upon such measures as you in your wisdom may propose.

By order,

Wm. Kilty, Clk.

The same having been read Mr. Kennedy offered the following as a substitute, which was read.

By the Senate, March 15, 1828.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The Senate have received your message and are now prepared to adjourn.

The question was then put, will the Senate receive the